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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Calvin Jones, 25, of Brooklyn, New York, was sentenced today on one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. United States District Judge T.S. Ellis III sentenced Jones to 20 years in prison.

Jones was a member of a drug trafficking organization that obtained multiple kilograms of powder cocaine from New York and transported it to Northern Virginia, where it was converted into crack cocaine and sold on the streets of Loudoun and Fairfax Counties. The crack cocaine was distributed to users and addicts by street level dealers. Jones was the eighth member of this organization to be convicted in the Eastern District of Virginia. The other defendants have been sentenced to terms ranging from 8 years to 17 ½ years in prison. This case has had a significant impact on drug trafficking in Loudoun County. This case has also led to the seizure of seven firearms and over 200 grams of crack cocaine.

The investigation began with a single purchase of crack cocaine by an undercover officer. The investigation was conducted by the DEA Task Force, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Fairfax County Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Jonathan Fahey.

Mr. McNulty also announced the sentencing today of Gerardo Loyola-Zamora, a 58 year-old resident of Washington, D.C., by Judge Ellis to serve a sentence of 20 years for his role in a conspiracy to distribute both cocaine and crack cocaine. The defendant supplied cocaine and crack cocaine to a co-conspirator who lived in Arlington, Virginia, knowing that the co-conspirator was buying the cocaine and crack cocaine for subsequent distribution to his customers in and around Arlington, Virginia. The defendant was arrested after distributing crack cocaine and offering to distribute a kilogram of cocaine to two undercover officers of the Arlington County Police Department.

This case was investigated by the Arlington County Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney LeDora Knight prosecuted the case for the United States.

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